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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period of response is extended one (1) month from September 16, 2006 to October 16, 2006 by the enclosed one (1) month Petition for Extension of Time.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- 1. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- II. Remarks begin on page 5 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 12 of this response.